

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Do you have any kind of health care coverage?

- Seventeen percent of Montana adults reported they were uninsured in 1999.
- The percentage of uninsured adults has remained relatively constant since 1991.
- Percentage of uninsured adults was inversely associated with age, income, and education levels.
- Only 1% of adults aged 65 and older reported being uninsured (due to Medicare coverage).

How long has it been since you visited a doctor for a routine checkup?

- In 1999, 64% of Montana adults reported they had had a routine checkup in the past 12 months.
- The percentage of adults reporting they had had a checkup in the past year has changed little since 1993.
- More females (75%) had a checkup in the past year than did males (52%).
- More adults aged 65 and older (84%) had a checkup in the past year than did adults in younger age classes (<66%).
- Education, income, and race had little influence on the percentage of adults who had a checkup in the past year.

Did you need to see a doctor in the past year, but could not because of the cost?

- Twelve percent of Montana adults reported in 1999 that they could not afford to see doctor in the past year.
- The percentage of adults who could not afford a doctor in the past year was inversely associated with age, education, and income levels. Higher percentages of adults under 65 years of age, of adults with less than a college degree, and of adults with annual household incomes less than \$20,000 reported that they could not afford to see a doctor in the past year.
- More non-white or Hispanic adults (24%) reported that they could not afford to see a doctor in the past year compared to white, non-Hispanic adults (12%).

Table 4. Health Care Access, Montana Adults, 1999 (with 95% confidence intervals).

	No health insurance				Had routine checkup in past year				Couldn't afford doctor in past year			
	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)
All Adults: 1999	1796	283	17.0	(2.0)	1763	1163	64.2	(3)	1794	222	12.4	(1.7)
Sex:												
Male	767	128	17.1	(3.0)	752	399	52.7	(4)	766	81	10.4	(2.4)
Female	1029	155	16.9	(2.8)	1011	764	75.0	(3)	1028	141	14.4	(2.4)
Age:												
18 - 29	279	73	27.5	(5.9)	276	153	52.8	(7)	279	49	18.5	(5.3)
30 - 44	516	116	23.6	(4.3)	509	298	58.0	(5)	516	77	13.8	(3.1)
45 - 64	523	116	13.9	(2.9)	604	404	65.6	(4)	614	75	11.9	(2.7)
65+	386	4	0.7	(0.8)	373	307	83.5	(4)	383	21	4.8	(5.2)
Education:												
<High School	175	32	20.5	(7.0)	168	122	71.9	(7.8)	172	29	18.1	(6.5)
High School	619	128	22.1	(3.8)	605	406	64.5	(4.3)	618	83	13.5	(3.1)
Some College	508	72	16.1	(4.0)	500	314	62.1	(4.7)	510	79	15.6	(3.6)
College Degree	491	51	10.2	(3.0)	488	321	63.2	(4.9)	491	31	5.9	(2.2)
Income:												
<\$10,000	87	21	24.9	(10.5)	86	60	65.2	(12.1)	87	30	32.6	(11.2)
\$10,000 - \$19,999	238	80	35.6	(7.1)	234	151	62.9	(7.0)	239	62	27.3	(6.6)
\$20,000 - \$34,999	487	84	20.6	(4.4)	482	300	60.6	(4.9)	487	64	13.5	(3.4)
\$35,000 - \$49,999	274	23	8.3	(3.5)	272	186	67.9	(6.0)	274	18	7.4	(3.5)
\$50,000+	314	21	7.1	(3.6)	312	210	66.0	(6.1)	314	10	3.5	(2.2)
Race:												
White, non-Hispanic	1669	252	16.2	(2.1)	1641	1079	64.2	(2.6)	1668	190	11.5	(1.7)
Non-white or Hispanic	122	30	27.1	(9.1)	117	82	64.3	(9.9)	122	31	23.9	(8.3)

Figure 2. Health Care Access, Montana Adults, 1990-1999.

